Dear Gary, 2/23/92

You have led a varied life since we were last in touch, interesting from your account, and because you got your degrees, I think worthwhile. You may use them yet!

No need to apologize for waking me when I was napping. You had no way of knowing of the changes in my life and my wife knows when not to wake me from a nap. Most days I do not have time for one so missing part of one is no great loss. They are never long. Anyway, She was sure I'd want to talk to you.

Stone's film is impressive but because he has from the first represented it as nonfiction is it bad, a deceptive and misleading lie, and a crass commercialization and exploitation in which he used the JFK assassination as the vehicle fof saying what he wanted to say about Viet Nam.

Too bad about that fire! the 26 cannot be gotten and your own work could not be replaced.

HSCA was not good. It intended to refute all criticism of the official mythology. When what it had planned for its putdown of putdowns backfired it grabbed that to escape bankruptcy. Blakey began wanting to pin it on the mafia, regardless of lack of evidence, and they wasted themselves on and with such preconceptions.

On areas to explore, I still think the body of the crime. Avoid the theories and the books based on them or pretending to solve the crime through them. The crime itself was never officially investigated, was never intended to be. So there is no factual basis for solving it or for any responsible theory for writing. Other than fiction.

I hope you can come here. We are never away for long, nver for a full day. It has not been safe for me to drive out of Frederick since 1977 and I haven't. The only times I am away, other than for what one does not anticiapte, family death, is to be driven to Baltimore, where I'm at Johns Hopkins hospital for once-a-month shots.

Unless the doctors, who try for the first time tomorrow, when I see a new one, have some idea of how to regularlize my sleep, remember that I must retire early. I was up at 12:35 and wide awake this a.m. and it has been even earlier in recent weeks. So I retire early.

Excuse my brevity. I have packages to make to mail tomorrow and I'm trying some writing again. Glad to hear from you and best to your and younrs,

Harold